Private sector's Participation in Construction of Airports

†*171. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: whether Government are contemplating to hand over the construction of airports to private sector; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Policy on Airport Infrastructure already provides for construction of airports by private sector. Recently, it has also been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long-term lease. At present, the existing airports at Delhi, Mumbai Chennai and Calcutta are being taken up for this exercise.

The purpose of restructuring of airports is as under:

(i) to improve the managerial efficiency;

(ii) to brign the standards of services/facilities at par with the international standards, and

(iii) to attract investments from private sector for (i) and (ii) above.

Maintenance of National Highways in Meghalaya

*172. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total length of National Highways in the State of Meghalaya as on 31st December, 1999;

(b) the details of works done and completed for maintenance, repairing and widening the National Highways running through the State; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) Meghalaya is served by 4 National Highways bearing numbers 40,44, 51 and 62 having length of 216, 184, 127 & 190 kilometres respectively. Thus total length of National Highways in Meghalaya State is 717 Kilometres.

(b) and (c) Maintenance an repair of National Highways is continuing activity. National Highways are being kept in traffic worthy condition within available resources. During current year periodic renewal and widening has been done in 55 Km. and 22.5 Km. respectively.

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